

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been amended as indicated above. No new matter has been added.

Claim 25 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, i.e., as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter being claimed. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection. The Examiner stated that "the coverlets comprise four coverlets" and "it is unclear whether the 'coverlets' refer[s] to the coverlets fixed along the auxiliary frame (see line 15), the additional coverlets mounted on the support frame, or the TOTAL number of coverlets including the seat covering assembly."

Applicant notes that lines 15-16 recite, "...coverlets being fixed along at least one of a front, a center in a width direction, and a back side of the auxiliary frame." Lines 23-24 recite, "...the coverlets comprise four coverlets... (emphasis added)" Applicant does not believe these two sections are inconsistent or indefinite. The first section (or lines 15-16) states that the coverlets are fixed along at least a front of the auxiliary frame, or along at least a center of the auxiliary frame, or along at least a back of the auxiliary frame, or any two of these, or all three of these.

The second section (lines 23-24) states that the sanitary seat cover assembly comprise four coverlets. The term "coverlets" at line 23 refers to the coverlets recited at line 15 as evidenced by the word "the" in front of the word "coverlet." These four coverlets are recited as being provided at various locations on the "external frame" that includes the auxiliary frame. See line 14 which recites, "...the external frame detachably including an auxiliary frame..." Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 25 satisfies 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and is allowable.

Claim 28 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claim 28 has been canceled to be pursued possibly in a related application to expedite the prosecution of this application.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 206-467-9600.

Respectfully submitted,

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